

1882.049 Chancery Causes: Adm. of John C. Willis vs. David C. Willis &c
Lee Co.

Sage, Ely, French, Bull

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CA - Estate Dispute
T - Property

To the Worshipful County Court of Lee County
in Chancery sitting

Your Orator William M
Soye administrator with the will annexed of John
C. Willis dec'd humbly represents that the said
John C. Willis departed this life on the day of -
186- that before his death he made and executed
a will which has been regularly admitted to probate
in this Court. a copy whereof is filed with this
bill marked A, By which will it will be
seen that the testator devised all the real estate
owned by him to his mother Susan P. Willis
during her natural life, and after her decease
to his brothers and sisters. The said Susan P.
Willis became the executrix of said will but is
now dead,

Your Orator now states that the
said John C. Willis at the time of his death
was largely indebted to divers persons and the
greater part of these debts are unpaid and the
personal property owned by decedent has been
exhausted in the due course of administration

Your Orator however states that the said
John C. Willis owned at the time of his death
real estate situated in said County some of
which he acquired by purchase the rest he
inherited by descent from his father James C
Willis dec'd. As before stated this land was
devised by the said John C. Willis to his mother
during her natural life and then to his brothers
and sisters who are his heirs at law. This
real estate which was owned by the said John
C. at the time of his death and devised as aforesaid
is the only source from which the debts due from

the said John le Willis estate can be paid, and from the amount of these debts which are yet outstanding your Orator is assured that the rents and profits of the said real estate would be insufficient to discharge these debts within five years, indeed he is of opinion that the proceeds of the sale of the said real estate so owned by decedent and devised by him as aforesaid, will be insufficient to satisfy the debts due from him. And the object of this bill is to have the said lands sold and converted into assets for the payment of the aforesaid debts. Your Orator states that by a bill filed heretofore in this Court by the heirs of James S. Willis who are also the heirs of John le Willis the land to which the said John le Willis died entitled has been laid off and assigned to his heirs and devisees - except an interest which he was entitled to a mountain tract - The metes and bounds of the land assigned to the heirs and devisees of the said John le Willis by the Commissioners in said Suit, will be filed herewith marked B.

Your Orator's prayer now is, that William A. Willis, Jeremiah S. Willis, David L. Willis, James Willis and Thomas S. Ely and Belinda his wife who are the devisees and heirs of the said John le Willis dec'd. be made defendants to this bill and answer the same on oath - that a guardian ad litem be appointed for defendant James Willis who is an infant, who will answer this bill for him - And on a hearing your Orator prays that a Commissioner be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the debts due from the estate of the said John le Willis - that said Commissioner be directed to

to report the amount and value of the land owned by the said John le Willis, which land your Orator states is still in the possession of said devisees, and should it appear that the rents and profits thereof will not satisfy the said debts within five years. Then that a decree be rendered directing the said lands to be sold or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge and satisfy said debts, and grant other and general relief - may
Summon issue &c

Haynes W. Richmond

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Orcl 10.80 July 1881

William W Sage admr.

vs. Bill. ch

David C. Willis dothors

1869 Nov. Bill filed Sp. not Exd.

+ Aliso Sp. awarded to court.

Decr. Sp. Exd. & Decr. is not

1870. Jan. Decr. is confirmed

" Feb. Cause set for hearing by
Plffs counsel

" Feb. Decree & Continued.

" March. Continued for

" April. Continued.

" May. Continued.

" June Contd. July Decr. contd.

" Aug. contd.

" Sept. contd. Oct & Nov contd.

1871. Could this year each Supr.

1872. Could each Supr. till Aug.

1877 Nov. Decree received

1878. Mar. Aug & Nov contd.

1879. Mar. & Aug & Nov contd.

1880. Mar. & Aug. contd.

1881. Mar. Contd. Aug Contd.

1882. Mar. Contd.

Aug. Contd.

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To the Worshipful County Court of Lee
County in Chancery Sitting.

The Answer of James Willis a minor
under 21 years of age by David Miller his
Guardian ad litem to the Bill of Complaint
filed in this worshipping Court against Thos^d
James Willis and others by William W. Sage admin-
istrator with the will annexed of the Estate
of John S. Willis deceased: Respectfully represents
that he is a minor under 21 years of age and
~~of his own knowledge knows nothing of the al-~~
~~legations~~ neither admits nor denies the allega-
tions contained in Complainants Bill but re-
serves to himself now at all times hereafter
the benefits of the usual exceptions to Com-
plainants Bill and the Court of Equity being
the peculiar Guardians of the rights of infants
he asks that this Court will proceed in this Cause
according to the rules of equity and that the
Court will protect his rights in the premises
in any and every thing that effects his
interests in this and having answered as
fully as he is advised it is necessary for him
to answer he asks to be dismissed with his
Costs.

James Willis
Fee of Guardian ad litem } By David Miller
his Guardian ad litem
\$5.00.

James Willis, Minor

ad { answer of Guardian
ad litem

David C. Willis et als.

1870.

Febry Term. Sworn to in
open Court.

John B. West D.C.

For Bill

William W. Sage admr. &c. Pliffs }
vs } In Chy

David C. Willis et al. Defs }

This cause came on again this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read in the cause, the report of Samuel Fields comr. and was argued by counsel—And the Court is of opinion & doth so adjudge order & decree that ^{Peter C. Johnston be appointed a Special Comr. of this Court to} ~~one of the Comrs. of this Court~~, retake the account of the indebtedness of the estate of John C. Willis ascertaining all the sums due from & to him & also in addition, to the matters directed in a former decree in this cause, he ascertain & charge the rents of decedent's lands to whomsoever has had the control & received the rents of the same since his death; and that the Comr. require legal proof of each & every item of accounts he allows against said estate; and report his action to this Court to which time the cause is continued—

William W. Sage admr-

vs } Greene
D }

David C. Willis et al

July 7. 1870

Enter This Deceit

H. J. Morgan
July 1870

at Lee County Court, July term 1870.

Wm W. Sage, admr. &c, Compt.,

against

David C. Willis & Others, Def^s.

In Chancery.

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the paper formerly read in the cause, the report of Samuel Field Commt., and was argued by counsel; And the Court is of opinion, and doth so adjudge, order, & decree, that Peter C. Johnston be appointed a special Commissioner to retake the account of the indebtedness of the estate of John C. Willis, ascertaining all the sums due from and to him; and also, in addition to the matters directed in a former decree in this cause, he ascertain & charge the rents of decedent's lands to whomsoever has had the control & received the rents of the same since his death; And that the Court require legal proof of each and every item of account, he allows against said estate; and report his action to this Court — To which time the cause is continued.

Notice.

The parties interested in the above cause will take notice, that I have appointed Monday the 2^d day of January 1871 to take the account directed by the foregoing decree, and also to ascertain the annual rental value of the lands of the decedent John C. Willis; On which day they will appear before me, at my Office in the town of Jonesville, with their evidence of every kind, and papers, ready to take the said account.

Dec^r. 8th 1870.

P. C. Johnston,

Commt.

William W Sage attorney per
 against
David C Willis others depts

In ch.

On motion David Miller is appointed by the Court guardian ad litem for the infant defendant James S. Miller, who ~~thereupon filed his answer~~ on motion filed the answer of said infant, And thereupon the cause came on this day to be heard on the bill exhibits and answer of the infant defendant by his said guardian ad litem and was argued by counsel. And it appearing to the Court that process has been duly executed on the adult defendants who have failed as yet to appear, the bill is therefore taken for confessed as to them.

On Consideration whereof it is adjudged ordered
and decreed that Commissioners Samuel Litch
proceed and ascertain the indebtedness of the estate
of the plaintiff indebted to John L. Willis, and
also the Annual rental value of the land
which descended from decedent and now sought to
be sold by the plaintiff, and report to this court
at a future time And the cause is continued.

Mr. M. L. L. at

R. {

David A. Willis Dutton

Feb. 1876.

O. B. 607.

In Bill

Deposition taken by adjournment at the house of W. A. Willis in Lee County, on the 10th day of January 1871, in the matter of the amount of the estate of John C. Willis dec'd; before Peter C. Johnston, Commissioner.

Rent.

James H. French, being first duly sworn, deposes & says: That he occupied a part of the land afterwards allotted to the estate of John C. Willis for the last three years, that is to say, for 1868, 1869, & 1870, and cultivated it. In 1868 he cultivated one piece of about ~~25~~^{7 or 8} acres, and a small piece of about 4¹/₂ acres, and another field of 10 or 12 acres known as the briar field which was very way very much out of order and which I was to have the crop from for that year for clearing it up. I paid no other rent for that but clearing it up & fixing the fence. From the first named two pieces ^{the best of part was above} I made about 18 bushells of corn, & the rest was in oats of which the rent amounted to about 40 dozen, which would turn out about one bushell to two dozen. I paid the said rent for that year to W. Alexander Willis. The corn ~~was~~ had been somewhat damaged, & I think was worth about two shillings per bushell — Oats were worth the next spring two shillings per bushell.

Another field on the same share was that year sown by some of the boys in rye, but it was so thickly grown up in briars that very little was gotten from it, I can't say how much. Another field next to the road was cultivated in oats, but I cannot say any thing more about it — I had nothing to do with it.

In 1869 I cultivated a field on that share of about 12 acres in corn — the crop was very short, & the ^{rent} amounted to about 30 bushells, which was worth, I think, about 25 cents per bushell — it was very indifferent — that rent corn was paid to Alex. & James Willis. The ballance of the ground I cultivated was in corn & oats — the rent corn was about 50 bushells, it was light, & I think worth about 30 cents per bushell — the rent for the oats was about 25 dozen, or 12¹/₂ bushells, worth

I cannot say how much, as I don't know of any being sold about the time I heard it. This rent corn & oats was paid to Alexander & James Willis.

In 1870 I paid 85 dozen of oats for rent, & delivered it to Alexander Willis - James was sick - The oats of that year were indifferent, and that parcel would amount I think to about 24½ bushels, worth about one shilling per bushell. Of rent corn I paid that year to J. Skelton Willis 40 bushels, worth about thirty cents a bushell - it was not well assorted. - Of wheat which I made this year I paid to Alexander Willis for rent 18 bushels & a small fraction, selling that year for 75 cents per bushell.

In 1869 Alexander Willis cultivated on the same share about 10 acres in corn, which yielded a crop of about 12 bushels per acre, and in the same year Alexander Willis also cultivated about 7½ acres in wheat which yielded about 55½ bushels.

In 1870 Alexander Willis & a Mr. Bryant cultivated about 10 acres of said share in corn oats, which yielded I suppose about 175 dozen - Alexander Willis also cultivated a field of about 7½ acres in wheat, which I estimate to have yielded about 6½ bushels per acre - In the same year a man named Gray cultivated about 4 acres in corn, which was very much washed up - I think the ~~rent was~~ ^{rent was} about 20 bushels, & paid the rent to Alexander Willis.

~~And about the rent says not.~~

The witness is of opinion, that the lands belonging to the estate of John C. Willis are worth, for their annual rent in money, about \$75. -

James L. French

Jeremiah Skelton Willis deposes & says: That in the year 1869, he received from Granville Banner about 15 bushels of rent corn made on a part of the land belonging to

J.C. Willis's estate, the 50 acres alloted to him and that is all he is ~~unpromised~~ ^{unpromised} for rent, besides what James French has stated in his deposition and further the witness says not.

J. P. Willis

Isaac B. Bull, being first duly sworn, deposes & says. That he has some knowledge of the lands belonging to the estate of John C. Willis, and he agrees with the witness French, whom he heard testify, that the annual money rental value of the said lands is about \$75. -

And further the witness says not.

Isaac B. Bull

David C. Willis, being first duly sworn, deposes & says: That in relation to the account of J. Skelton Willis against the estate of J. C. Willis for one horse at \$125. - he recollects, that about the time charged in said account the said Skelton let his brother J. C. Willis have a horse, which was rated by them at \$125. - & that J. C. Willis drove that horse with some other off to market and when he returned he told the witness he had sold them on a credit to a man named Pully as well as he recollects, and before he collected the money he went into the late war as a volunteer and was killed without having paid for said horse.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock,

P. C. Johnson

Wednesday 11th January 1871. Met pursuant to adjournment on yesterday. David C. Willis's examination continued.

S. P. Willis David C. Willis further says, that as to the item of \$250. charged in the account of Susan P. Willis against the estate of J. C. Willis, he recollects the transaction, and knows that J. C. Willis borrowed of her (his mother) the sum of \$250 - which he did not pay back,

As to the item of \$700. in said account charged as borrowed, the witness remembers that he, J. C. Willis, & J. M. Wheeler were proposing to put in \$700. - each to buy goods & open a store in partnership, and J. C. Willis borrow said sum of \$700. from his mother for that purpose - but for some cause the goods were not bought & the scheme was not carried out, & J. C. Willis kept the money and used it to buy stock with. I do not know of his paying back to her any of said sum, except the \$300. - credited in said account.

I recollect also that J. C. Willis got from Mrs Willis a fine sorrel mare, but I don't know what price he agreed to give for her - I think she was worth \$125. -

I likewise remember that J. C. Willis got from Mr. two mules charged in said account - I don't know what their contract was - I think they were worth the prices charged, \$100 & \$125 respectively. - and further the witness says not,
David C. Willis

J. Skellern Willis again examined -

I remember, that about the time stated in the account of David C. Willis against the estate of J. C. Willis, the said J. C. Willis got from David C. Willis a lot of fat hogs, I cannot say how many, nor how much money they amounted to, but I expect the lot amounted to somewhere near the sum charged (\$358. -) in said account.

As to the 2 notes on Collinsworth (\$156.) also charged in said account, all I know is, that I heard J. C. Willis say he intended to get them from David, and he afterwards said he had settled those notes with Collinsworth.

As to the bay mare charged at \$100. -, I remember J. C. Willis got the mare from David, but I don't know the price agreed on between them - I think the mare was worth \$100.

As to the item of a balance of \$10. - on a black mare, I only know that J. C. Willis got a black mare from David, but I do not know any thing about the balance charged

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as due on her. And further the witness says not.

J. S. Willis

James Willis, being duly sworn, deposes & says:

That in the latter part of 1861, when his brother J. C. Willis S. P. Willis set off the last time to go to the army, he borrowed from his wife (2.) mother \$40. in State Bank money; I was present and saw her count out & let him have the money — he never returned home, was killed in March 1862.

~~James Willis~~

The witness further says, that in Dec. 1861 or January 1862 his mother Mrs Susan B. Willis received from her son John C. Willis the letter without date filed herewith marked (A. 1.) in which he requested her to purchase for him a negro girl slave belonging to Robert Henson; that not long after that letter was received, Mrs Willis went to see said Henson for the purpose of making ^{and took me with her} said purchase — Henson's price for the negro girl was \$450. — but he told Mrs Willis, that if she would pay the money down he would take \$425. — Mrs Willis determined to do so, came home from Brents in Lee County where Henson then was, and sent me back with the money (\$425.) which I counted out & paid to Henson for the negro girl — Henson called on Mr. Dishman, a lawyer who was then there, to advise him how he should execute the bill of sale, since it seemed to be understood by him that the negro was purchased for J. C. Willis — Mr. Dishman advised him to make the bill of sale to Mrs Willis, as that would put her on the safest ground with her son J. C. Willis, and said Henson thereupon executed the bill of sale filed herewith marked (A. 2.) dated 8th February 1862, and witnessed by said Dishman. The negro girl was brought home by me to my mother's, where she remained till the negroes were generally emancipated by the United States government.

James Willis

William. W. Sage Administrator de bonis non of John
 C. Willis deceased.

In account with the Estate of said decedent
 his heirs and distributees

Debits

			Principle	Interest
1867		To this sum unaccounted for by Susan. L		
Aug 10	10	Willis late administratrix of L. C. Willis as per report of B. M. Morgan late Commis sioner	\$145.	00
		" interest unaccounted for in said report.	\$93.	52
1859		<u>Contra</u>		
Aug "		By account due Susan. L. Willis by L. C		
Ex A		" Willis dec'd balance due;	\$1025.	00
1869		By account due W. De Lames. Willis by ✓		
Debr 23	23	" John. C. Willis dec'd. this sum..	26.	75
Ex B	13			
1862		By Clerks Ticket paid by Susan. L. Willis ✓		
May "		" adms of L. C. Willis dec'd. this sum	4.	47
1867				
Aug "		" Clerks Ticket paid by Susan. L. Willis ✓		
		" adms of L. C. Willis dec'd. this sum	2.	98
1860				
Aug "		By account L. C. Willis due by John. C. ✓		
		" Willis this sum,	\$624.	00

Contra		Principle	Interest
0.13. 512	By Judgment at Law Nathan & Morgan who owes for the benefit of L Rogers W. W. Sage Adms de bonis non of L. C. Willis decd. this sum.	\$110. 00	
	" Interest on same from 1st day of October 1860 to 31st May 1870	\$68. 58	
1861	Decr 20th By order of L. C. Willis to D. C. Willis	\$8. 00	
Ex C			
1858	Ex A By account L. S. Willis vs L. C. Willis decd. . . .	\$125. 00	
1858	By Note L. C. & D. C. Willis due from Ball. . . .	\$100. 00	
Ex B	" Affidavit filed by D. C. Willis Ex X. . . .		
1861	Decr 16th By Note L. C. & D. C. Willis due Charles Daugherty payable in Gold. . this sum.	\$273. 75	
Ex A	" Affidavit filed by D. C. Willis Ex X. . . .		
1869	June 23rd By office Judgment James Lindeman vs David C. Willis Curran & James M. Wheeler in gold. . . . this sum.	\$80. 00	
Ex Y	" with legal interest thereon from the 12th day of May 1869.	\$48. 25	

Contra		Principle	Interest
1861	May 20th By Note L. C. Willis due R. M. Bates & Co	\$30. 00	
Ex L			
1861	May 11th By Note L. C. Willis due R. M. Bates & Co. . .	\$6. 83	
Ex L			
1861	July 16th By balance due on Note of L. C. Willis & from R. Brittain to R. M. Bates & Co. . . .	\$201. 49	
Ex K			
1860	Jan 31st By balance due on Note of L. C. Willis & W. K. Brittain to Hiram Hoskins. . .	\$26. 61	
Ex L			
1860	Jan 3rd By balance of Note L. C. Willis due Thomas Hoskins	\$12. 73	
Ex M			
1856	Sept 25th By Note S. C. & L. C. Willis due Susan L. Willis	\$200. 00	
Ex N			
	By this sum paid by L. C. Willis for D. C. Willis as partner in trade for the years 1859 1860 & 1861	\$491. 48 1/2	
Ex O			

Report

To the Honorable Henry J. Morgan Judge of the County Court of Lee County in Chancery sitting.

Pursuant to a decree rendered at the February Term 1870 of the County Court of Lee County in the case of W. W. Sage Administrator de bonis non of John C. Willis deceased against David C. Willis et al, as special commissioner as aforesaid, it was ordered and decreed, that said commissioner should proceed to ascertain the indebtedness of the estate of the plaintiffs intestate John C. Willis, and to ascertain the rental value of the land which descended from decedent.

Your Commissioner pursuant to said decree posted on the front door of the Court House a notice dated July 23^d 1870 and herein filed, and on the 31st day of May 1870 proceeded to settle, adjust and audit the accounts as herein filed.

It appears by reference to the report of the former Commissioner B. M. Morgan dated July 10th 1867, that there was in the hands of the administratrix, Susan P. Willis the sum of \$145.00, principle money and \$93.52 of interest unaccounted for bearing interest from date.

It further appears, that John C. Willis was indebted to various persons and, as partner in trade D. C. Willis was indebted to him viz To Susan P. Willis balance due her by said decedent the sum of \$1025.00 due Jan'y 1859, and the sum of \$26.75 due W. A. & James Willis dated Dec'r 23^d 1869, the sum of \$7.45 paid by Susan P. Willis Clerk tickets as administratrix of John C. Willis deceased.

Also the sum of \$8.00 due D. C. Willis dated December 20th 1861 and the further sum of \$624.00 dated January 1860 due D. C. Willis.

Report

And further a Judgment at Law Nathan C. Morgan who owes for the benefit of J. Rogers vs. H. W. Sage, admits the claim of L. C. Willis deceased for the sum of \$110.00 simple money bearing interest from the 1st day of October 1860 and the costs

The sum of \$125.00 due L. S. Willis dated 1858, the sum of \$100.00 due William Ball by note dated 1858 from L. C. & D. C. Willis, in which there is an affidavit filed marked X by D. C. Willis denying the validity of the handwriting or having any interest in said note, also the sum of \$273.75 due Charles Daugherty payable in gold by note from L. C. & D. C. Willis dated December 16th 1864, wherein there is filed an affidavit by D. C. Willis denying the validity of the handwriting or having any interest in said note, &c.

Also an office judgment confirmed James Leidman vs David C. Willis survivor and James M. Wheeler payable in gold for \$80.00 with legal interest thereon from the 12th day of May 1860 date of said Judgment June 23rd 1869

The sum of \$30.00 due R. M. Bates & Co dated May 20th 1861.

The sum of \$6.83¹/₂ due R. M. Bates & Co dated May 11th 1861

The balance of Note L. C. Willis & W. K. Brittain due R. M. Bates & Co for \$201.49¹/₂ dated July 16th 1861.

By balance of Note L. C. Willis & W. K. Brittain payable to William Ashkin for \$26.61¹/₂ due Jan 31st 1860. By balance of Note John C. Willis due Thomas Ashkin for \$12.73¹/₂ dated January 3rd 1860. By note D. C. L. C. Willis due Susan L. Willis for \$200.00 dated Sept 25th 1856, By amount paid by L. C. Willis for D. C. Willis as partner in trade for the year

1859, 1860 & 1861 this sum of \$491.48 1/2 with the vouchers here
Your Commissioner pursuant to said decree proceeded
to ascertain the rental value of the lands owned by said
decedents and upon the evidence of James B. Coleman and
your Commission, the rental value of the land per year
would not exceed \$200.00, which would be insufficient
in five years to pay the debts of said decedents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Vouchers filed from A. to G
including with reports and
Settlements
Commissioner for 20 hours
at \$7 1/2 per hour \$15.00

Samuel Field
Special Commissioner

filed from No 10

Wm W. Sage, Adm.

95 (L. S. S. S.)

David C. Willis et al

Report

With Settlements

By Samuel Field
Special Commissioner

Filed June 1st 1870.
J B West clerk

Extract from the report of Commissioners appointed to lay off & assign
to the heirs of John S. Willis dec'd, the lands of which he died
seised and possessed: - x

We have laid off and assigned to the heirs of John C. Willis de-
ceased the lot marked No 2 on the plat and represented by
figures g, h, i, j 37, 38, 39, a, g, and bounded as follows viz: -

Beginning at a stake in the main road, corner to the first
lot, and running thence with lines thereof S 82 W 15 poles to a stake
thence leaving the road S 10 E 398 poles to a stake, thence East
26 1/2 poles to a chestnut stump; thence N 10 W 53 poles to Estep's
corner and with his line S 85 E. 32 poles to a corner of the third
lot and with a line thereof N 10 W 376 poles crossing the main
road to the middle of the Creek opposite to a marked Sycamore
bush and with the middle of the Creek S 63 W 39 poles with a
line of the 4th lot; thence S 10 E leaving the Creek and with a
line of the first lot 5 1/2 poles to the beginning estimated to con-
tain 140 acres. Also we have assigned to the said heirs of
John C. Willis deceased one half of each of two ^{other} tracts. The
one represented on the plat by figure 45, 46, 40, 39, a, b, c, 51,
50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45 and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at a double poplar on the Tennessee line and
running thence N 15 E 138 poles to a forked chestnut corner to
Estep's land; thence N 20 W 80 poles with Estep's lines to a stake
N 25 E 112 poles to a forked chestnut corner to Willis' land; thence
West 32 poles with lines thereof to two chestnut oaks on a ridge;
thence N 17 W 26 poles to a double chestnut oak on a ridge;
thence N 40 W 36 poles to water oaks; thence S 68 W 26 poles to a
hickory and white oak, corner to Ely's land and with
lines thereof S 6 E 132 poles to a chestnut; thence N 65 West 54
poles to a poplar, hickory, and white oak in a hollow;
thence S 25 E 138 poles to a Spanish Oak, Sourwood, and
dogwood; thence S 30 W 130 poles to a white oak on the Tennessee
line

line, and with it East 60 poles to the Beginning supposed to contain 127 1/2 acres. This tract was owned by John C. Willis and John S. Willis Equally at the time they died, and we have assigned the whole to the heirs of the said John C. Willis deceased.

The other tract, one half of which we have assigned to the heirs of the said John C. Willis, was owned equally by John S. Willis and Robert M. Ely at their decease, and we have assigned one half of it to the heirs of John C. Willis dec'd. It is represented on the plat by figure 44, 45, 41, 42, 43, 44 and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak on the State line between Virginia and Tennessee and running thence with the same West 140 poles to a tripple poplar; thence North 15 E 138 poles to a double Chestnut, Estep's corner & with lines of the same N 50 E 40 poles to a small white oak; thence S 30 E 123 poles to three dogwoods in the edge of a hollow; thence S 20 E 44 poles, passing the head of a spring to the beginning, supposed to contain 50 acres. Thus we have assigned to the heirs of the said John C. Willis dec'd an interest in three lots marked each No. 2 on the plat, which we consider equal in value to 1/6 and 1/12 of the lands divided.

xxxxxx Respectfully submitted August 14th 1869.

(Signed) Eli. Davis

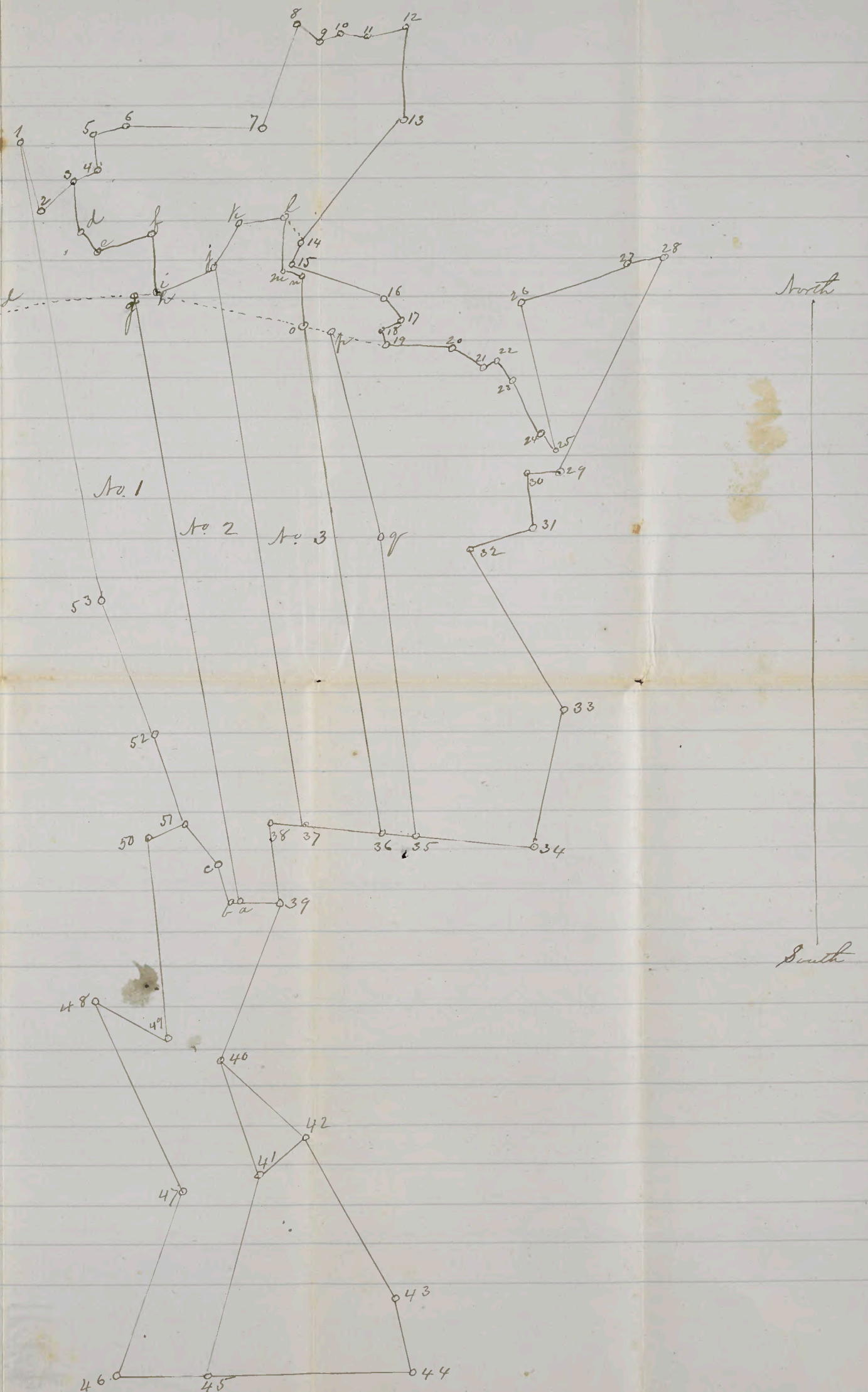
(") Robt M. Bales

(") Moses S. Ball

Commissioners

A copy-

Lease - John B. West, D.C.



Meets & bounds of land
assigned to the Heirs

of ^{so much of} ~~Copy of~~ ^{Commissioner's}
~~Report~~ ^{as} ~~related thereto.~~
John C. Willis dec'd

Exhibit (13)

Susan P.
John C. Willis Admt. John C. Willis

1867

To the Clerk of Lee County Court

Dr.

May To record Inventory 20 fil same 20 duty 5 (March) Ent atto ads 45

March " Wm Woodson 10 filing plea 15 Ent atto ads same 200 case 10 35

" " Deut. 15 plea 15 (Augt) sp a 20 swearing witnesses for 50

Augt " you 20 one order for witnesses attendance & copy 30 50

" Jus 20 Laxing cost 20 filing papers 20 Fi Fa 40 rect 18 1 18

Henry J. Morgan, Clerk \$2 98

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Susan P. Willis
adm't to

\$2.98

Mrs. A. Willis to
pay

Ex C

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542

1504

I saw the amount that Alexander claimed
against me he brought the amount to you
to credit on his debt I have for got the amount
it was between seven and 8 dollars settle this
or give him one note for the amount he
brought to you Dec 20th 1861 J. C. Willis

Virginia Lee County to wit:

David Willis personally appeared before the undersigned
a Commissioner in Chancery for the County of Lee and made
oath in due form of law, that the above under dated Decr 20th
1861 from J. C. Willis to pay to Alexander Chadwell the sum
of Seven or Eight dollars due said Chadwell on a note of J. C.
Willis is just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief
Given under my hand this 27th day April 1870
Samuel H. Wells Comm in Chgo

$$\begin{array}{r} 9) 2, 8, 0, 7, 1, 0 \\ \underline{18} \\ 10 \\ \underline{9} \\ 1 \\ \underline{9} \\ 2 \\ \underline{18} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

64 6

Susan P. Willis administratrix with the will annexed of
John C. Willis ~~Adm'r~~

1862

To the Clerk of Lee County Court Dr

May Order appointing Adm'r, preparing bond, oath, order of ap-

April - praisement &c. 1.00 Tax 1.00 April Order of Probate of will 20 \$2.40

" Oath of witnesses 20. Copying same on will 20. Recording will 30 -- .70

" Copying will 30. Copying order of adm'r 20. Copying bond 20. .70

" Writing Power of atts. 50. Writing Certificatend and attaching seal thereto 37. .87

(446)

Henry J. Morgan clerk \$4.47

Dr. Hillis adms

John

C. Willis

\$ 4.47

Wm A. Hillis

to pay

188

Virginia Lee County to wit:

David G. Willis a witness in behalf of Susan
P. Willis late administratrix of L. G. Willis deceased,
personally appeared before the undersigned a Commissioner
in Chancery for the County of Lee and made oath in
due form of law, that the account of Susan P. Willis
deceased against John G. Willis deceased with the credits
attached thereto is just and true.

Given under my hand this 27th day April
1870—

Samuel Field Commissioner
in Chy—

MR. *J. C. Willis Esq*

TAX IN LEE CO., FOR 1868.

Titheable \$----- & *20* per ct. of State Tax, \$----- *20*

For county Levy, \$----- Capitation, \$-----

Personal Property Tax, \$-----

Land ----- do on ----- Acres.

98
118

Rec'd Payment,

Thos W Snow Jr S. L. C.

A.C. Allis est

Should have \$2.00 Banded money

$$\begin{array}{r} 118 \\ 188 \\ 268 \\ 324 \\ 108 \\ \hline 1006 \\ 200 \\ \hline 1206 \end{array}$$

Notice

Wm W. Sage Admoe Plff

vs

Wm Willis et al Deft

In Chancery

Pursuant to a decree of the County Court of Lee County rendered, at the Feb'y Term, ¹⁸⁷⁰ in the case of Wm W. Sage Admoe vs. Wm Willis et al, it is ordered that Samuel Field, be appointed, Special Commissioner to settle the account with said decedent's estate, to examine the Creditors, and ascertain the rental value of the lands owned by said decedent. As Commissioner aforesaid, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present the same for settlement, at my office, in the Town of Lenoirville by the 25th day of March next, 1870, or they will be barred by said decree.

Samuel Field, Special
Commissioner

Feb'y 23rd 1870
Lenoirville Va.

Wm. H. Sage, Adm'r,
of Notre-Dame

Wm. Willis et al.

July 23. 1870

MR *John C. Willis Esq*

TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1869.

Tithable, County Levy,

Revenue, Personal Property \$

Capitation Tax \$

Salary, Interest, &c.

}

/ Land, 50a value 200.00

1.05

Received in full,

Wm W Sage 12 6

John. Q. Willis

Exp

Tax

\$ 1.03

~~3.37~~

~~9.80~~

~~5.01~~

~~4.61~~

358

178

807

x 10 85

+ 5.01

x 9 80

x 3 37

+ 4.61

23.84

113-20

23.84

24.99

3 16

21.93

1 32

23.25

December 9th Willis Dr to Susan Willis
to Cash Cent in hand 40.00
1861

Virginia Lee County Court,
This day personally appeared before me
J. C. Thomas ^{a justice of said county} James Willis and made oath
in duform of Law that the above account of
\$40.00 against J. C. Willis and in favor of
Susan Willis is just and correct as stands
charged and has not been paid sworn to
this the 31st day of December 1861

J. C. Thomas, J. C.

Acct
J. E. Willis

to

Susan B. Willis.

\$40. -

(2.)

By the first day of January I promise to
pay Jane Mills Eighty dollars for value
Recd this 16th of Sept 1857

J. C. Mills Sec

80-8
to not

June, 17th 1867.
for the within note by
acct, against Jane Willis for \$1942

Received of John C Willis by the
hand of James Willis Three Dollars &
fifty cts for Henry G. Morgan his part
of a certain Clerks fee this 2^d ^{the} Jan 1811
S. C. Thompson

MR *John S. Willis Esq*

TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1869.

Tithable, County Levy,

Revenue, personal Property \$

Capitation Tax \$

Salary, Interest, &c

/ Land, $63\frac{3}{4}$ a value 127.50

1674

Received in full,

Wm W. Sage S D C

John S. Willis

Ent

July

6/4

$$\begin{array}{r} 324 \\ 35-87 \\ 108 \\ \hline 4 \overline{) 3969} \\ 9924 \\ 118 \\ \hline 11104 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 324 \\ 35-87 \\ 108 \\ \hline 6 \overline{) 3969} \\ 6012 \\ 2503 \\ 1181 \\ \hline 11094 \end{array}$$

MR. *Michael Houdan* TAX IN LEE CO., FOR 1868.

Titheable \$----- & 20 per ct. of State Tax, \$ 18-----

For County Levy, \$----- Capitation, \$-----

Personal Property Tax, \$-----

Land ----- do on ----- Acres.

590
108

Rec'd Payment,

Geo. H. Pinner S. L. A

M. Rowland (est.)

108

MR Robert Ely of J. S. Willis

TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1869.

Tithable, County Levy,

Revenue, Personal Property \$

Capitation Tax \$

Salary, Interest, &c.

R Land, 144a, value - \$1040.00

\$ 5.47

Received in full,

Robert Ely's
Est & J
Hillis

Tax

\$ 5,47

D

Es & J Hillis & James Hillis
June 5. 1771

Amesbury

MR

John S. Willis Esq-

TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1869.

Tithable, County Levy,

Revenue, Personal Property \$

Capitation Tax \$

Salary, Interest, &c.

12 Land, $745\frac{2}{3}$ a value 9115.33

}
\$47.88

Received in full,

Wm W Sage Jcl

John. J. Willis

Est,

Tax

\$47.88

by Cash and
11.41 by Wm
Willis. by Cash
and the same as
about 10.00

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21.41
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dine

Est by J. Willis 19.03
Est by J. Willis 19.44
Est by J. Willis 19.44
Est by J. Willis 19.44
38.08

47.88
38.08
9.80

1744 and 1749
same 1749

MR

Mrs. Cotting Est

TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1869.

Tithable, County Levy,

Revenue, personal Property \$

Capitation Tax \$

Salary, Interest, &c

15- Land, 600, valued \$95.000

\$473

Received in full,

Wm W Sage S L C

4.73
67

35 37
108

376
324

48.83

12207
118

73.38
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Cattrell
Est
H. 73

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *William A. Willis, Jeremiah S. Willis,*
David C. Willis, James Willis, Thomas S. Ely, and Belinda
his wife

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And have then there this writ, Witness, JOHN B. WEST, Deputy for SYLVESTER E. THOMPSON, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *23^d* day of *October* 186*9*, in the *94th* year of the Commonwealth.

John B. West, D. Clerk

William W. Sage
Adm'r &c. of J. C. Willis dec'd.

vs. Spain in Chancery.

William S. Willis et als.

November Rules 1869.

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went of this

Oct 30th 1869 W. W. Sage
W. W. Sage

In Bill

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